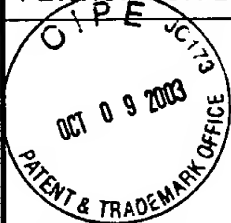


PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Docket Number (Optional)

1322/58



In re Application of Robert John Tinsley, et al.

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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))

☒ Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))

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